

REMARKS

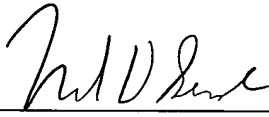
Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 11-16 and 19 and indication that claims 28-30 contain allowable subject matter. To expedite prosecution, by this amendment rejected claims 1-10, 17, 18, 20-23 and 26-27 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 24-25 were previously withdrawn (canceled) in response to a Restriction Requirement. Claims 28, 29 and 30 have each been amended to independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims and are now in condition for allowance.

By this amendment, only the claims indicated as containing allowable subject matter remain in the application and the application is therefore believed in condition for allowance.

Prompt and favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned should the Examiner believe it would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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